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<b>C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT</b>		
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X	WO,A,9116124 (MEMTEC LIMITED) 31 October 1991 See whole document	(1-4),(14-18)
X	US,A,5389260 (HEMP et al) 14 February 1995 See whole document	(1-4),(11-16)
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